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JAKARTA FROM OAKLEY TO HOLBROOKE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (MONDALE, WALTER F.)

SUBJECT: PROPOSED AUSTRALIAN COMMUNIQUE

REF: CANBERRA 3490

1. AUSTRALIAN PROPOSAL STRIKES US AS AT A LEVEL OF DETAIL
ON GLOBAL ECONOMIC ISSUES--QUITE APART FROM SUBSTANCE--
THAT IS INAPPROPRIATE FOR THE PURPOSE AND TENDS TO OBSCURE
THE EAST ASIA/PACIFIC EMPHASIS OF THE TRIP.

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2. CONCERNING SUBSTANCE, ASIDE FROM EXCESSIVE DEGREE OF
SPECIFICITY, THERE ARE SEVERAL INSTANCES WHERE GOA DRAFT
WOULD TEND TO ALTER EXISTING USG POLICY ON ECONOMIC
MATTERS OR GIVE APPEARANCE OF US AND AUSTRALIA TAKING
COMMON STAND AGAINST EEC. WE ARE PUZZLED BY RELATIVE LACK
OF ATTENTION TO ANZUS.

3. IN OUR JUDGMENT, THE EASIEST WAY TO HANDLE THE PROBLEM --PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT OF COMMENT LAST PARA REFTEL--IS TO TELL GOA THAT RECEIPT OF SUCH A LONG, DETAILED SUBSTANTIVE COMMUNIQUE WITH SO LITTLE TIME FOR THOROUGH REVIEW PLACES USG IN IMPOSSIBLE SITUATION. THEREFORE WE WOULD PREFER TO DROP COMMUNIQUE IDEA IN FAVOR OF MUCH BRIEFER, GENERAL JOINT PRESS STATEMENT. IF THIS CAUSES SEVERE PROBLEMS

FOR GOA, YOU COULD AGREE TO MUCH BRIEFER, MORE GENERAL FORMAL COMMUNIQUE.

4. IN TERMS OF SUBSTANCE, WE WOULD AT A MINIMUM PROPOSE FOR DELETION PARAS 4, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 18 (WE HAVE NOT YET PUBLICLY REFERRED TO THE HOSTILITIES IN INDOCHINA AND WE DO NOT BELIEVE THIS IS THE PLACE TO BEGIN), AND 24. WE COULD AGREE TO PARA 5 IN EXTREMIS BUT WOULD PREFER TO DELETE IT AS WELL.

5. WITH RESPECT TO REMAINING SUBSTANTIVE PARAGRAPHS, WE HAVE FOLLOWING COMMENTS:

(A) IN PARA 13 ON JAPAN, IT IS NOT CLEAR WHAT IS MEANT BY "COLLECTIVE" CONSULTATION IN FINAL SENTENCE.

(B) IN PARA 19 ON REFUGEES WE QUESTION NEED FOR SECOND SENTENCE.
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(C) IN PARA 20 ON SOUTH PACIFIC, LAST TWO SENTENCES SHOULD BE DROPPED.

(D) IN PARA 23 WORD "EXPANDING" IN FINAL SENTENCE SHOULD BE CHANGED TO "MAJOR".

(E) PARA 9 IS IN EB JUDGMENT, TOO DEFENSIVE IN TONE.

WE HAVE NO PARTICULAR PROBLEM WITH PARAS 3, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 21 AND 22. CHRISTOPHER

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